

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Conference Call Minutes, June 21, 2005, Kneip Building, Pierre, South Dakota

The South Dakota Board of Education convened a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in the Department of Education Secretary's Office in the Kneip Building in Pierre, South Dakota.

BOARD MEMBERS

Glenna Fouberg, President; Kelly Duncan, Vice President; Richard Gowen; Marilyn Hoyt; Jan Nicolay; and Roger Porch; Clint Waara were present. Jack Broome and Barbara Everist were not present.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF PRESENT

- Rick Melmer, Secretary, Office of the Secretary
- Nicole Kranzler, Executive Assistant, South Dakota Board of Education
- Wade Pogany, Director, Office of Curriculum and Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT

Five additional individuals attended or were conferenced into the meeting. A list of the individuals is filed in the board secretary's office.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Adoption of June 21, 2005, agenda
- 2) Adoption of the S.T.A.A.R.S. Alternate Assessment cut scores
- 3) Adoption of the Dakota STEP reading exam cut scores
- 4) Date and time of next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 1.0 - ADOPTION OF JUNE 21, 2005, AGENDA

Motion: by Hoyt and second by Gowen to adopt the June 21, 2005, conference call agenda.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2.0 - ADOPTION OF THE S.T.A.A.R.S. ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT CUT SCORES

Melmer explained that the department was requesting approval of the S.T.A.A.R.S. Alternative Assessment cut scores so it could move forward with making annual yearly progress calculations that must be sent out to school districts by July 1 as required by law.

Pogany explained why and how the S.T.A.A.R.S. assessment is used. He explained the proposed cut scores, how they were set, what they mean, and how they would be used (See the Alternative Assessment Cut Scores document filed with the board secretary's office).

Motion: by Duncan and second by Porch to adopt the S.T.A.A.R.S. Alternate Assessment cut scores. The board voted via roll call.

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| • Broome - Absent | • Hoyt - Aye |
| • Duncan - Aye | • Nicolay - Aye |
| • Everist - Absent | • Porch - Aye |
| • Fouberg - Aye | • Waara - Aye |
| • Gowen - Aye | |

Conclusion: The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF THE DAKOTA STEP READING EXAM CUT SCORES

Pogany noted that the request for approval of Dakota STEP exam cut scores probably would be done annually; the Dakota STEP exam is often updated each year in order to ensure it stays in alignment with current legal requirements and content standards.

Pogany reviewed the proposed cut scores and performance standards (see the Raw and Scaled Score Cut Points and Performance Standards document filed with the board secretary's office) and the process used to set the proposed cut scores. He noted that approximately 30 percent of the questions on the reading exam were changed.

Motion: by Duncan and second by Gowen to adopt the Dakota STEP reading exam cut scores.

Pogany explained that while the yearly changes to the exam are costly, they are necessary if the exam is to be current, accurate, and aligned to the laws and content standards. Melmer noted that the state federal money specifically allocated to cover the cost of the construction and revision of assessment exams. Duncan asked the department to ensure that the public is aware that federal money is used to develop and update the Dakota STEP, rather than state money.

Action: The board voted via roll call.

- Broome - Absent
- Duncan - Aye
- Everist - Absent
- Fouberg - Aye
- Gowen - Aye
- Hoyt - Aye
- Nicolay - Aye
- Porch - Aye
- Waara - Aye

Conclusion: The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be July 18-19, 2005, at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre, South Dakota.

The board agreed to attend the Annual Superintendents' Conference in Pierre on the morning of July 19 prior to beginning day two of its July meeting.

The board agreed to discuss when to hold the next joint meeting between itself and the Board of Regents during the July board meeting. Melmer informed the board that the Board of Regents had proposed that the next joint meeting be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., October 19, 2005, in Vermillion.

Melmer invited the board to attend the 2010 Education Initiative noon luncheon, official announcement, and evening banquet in Sioux Falls on August 11, 2005.

Melmer invited the board to participate in the meeting the department would be holding with the career and technical institute directors on the afternoon of July 19, 2005, in Pierre.

I, Rick Melmer, Executive Officer of the South Dakota Board of Education, declare the foregoing to be a complete and true record of the conference call minutes of the South Dakota Board of Education held on June 21, 2005.

Rick Melmer